

# IT Security at the Regents Institutions

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# Target says up to 70 million more customers were hit by December data breach

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US | Fri May 15, 2015 2:36pm EDT

## Cyberattack on Penn State college said to have come from China

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## IRS reports security breach



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## Cyberattack Exposes I.R.S. Tax Returns

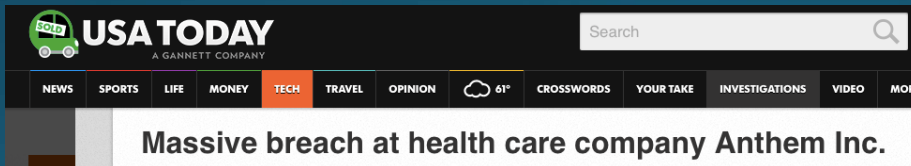
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## Home Depot Hackers Exposed 53 Million Email Addresses

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# Common IT Security Threats

- Control of IT accounts
  - Control of IT systems & resources
  - Data theft or corruption
  - Equipment theft
  - Disable/destroy network or systems
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- Many methods of attack
  - Constantly evolving
  - Increasingly targeting the human element
  - Everyone has a role in security



# Collaborative Activities

- BORIS (Board of Regents Information Security)

CIO Council

Weekly video conference call

- Security Council

Joint Security

- 10-15 representatives from each school
- 7-10 technical areas
- Joint projects, joint purchases, common solutions, & best practices





# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Security Road Map April 2014

1. Identify and protect storage reserves that contain restricted university data;
2. Review and improve business processes;
3. Encrypt all university-owned laptops;
4. Implement stronger password policies;
5. Scan campus systems for known security vulnerabilities; and,
6. Increase and improve educational resources for students, staff, and faculty members.





# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Security Focus

- **Data Classification Policy & Encryption**
- **Education**
  - Multimedia focused with videos and news media
  - Intermediate level videos & policy education
  - Advanced certification & continuing education
- **Examination**
  - Vulnerability scanning & remediation
  - ISEAGE partnership & Information Assurance Center
  - Internal & external assessments of systems & controls – implement best industry practices
- **Enhancements**
  - Investment & collaboration among colleges, research centers, & central IT
  - Collaboration among world-class technology faculty researchers



# Security Framework & Approach

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- Based on National Cybersecurity & Compliance Standards
- Safeguards Throughout Systems Lifecycle
- Layered Approach
- Campus Community Engagement & Commitment
  - UNI Security Working Group
  - Technical Forums
  - Collaborations & Memberships
  - Policies, Guidelines, & Best Practices







## Security Initiatives

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- Reduction of Sensitive Information
- Examination of Business Processes & Access Rights
- Multifactor Authentication
- Encryption
- System Hardening Standards
- Security Reviews
- IT Security Department
- Security Awareness Training







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# Foundational Elements

- Dedicated IT security team
- Centralized account management & multifactor authentication
- User awareness & training
- Robust security policies
- Technical measures
- Reduced sensitive data footprint & safeguarding of institutional data



# Continuing Initiatives

- Mobile device encryption
- Additional use of multifactor authentication
- New version of online security awareness training
- Using the TIER process as an opportunity to review security





# Discussion

